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RE: Docket No. 00D-1598

I am writing to voice my support for mandatory labeling of genetically engineered foods. Consumers have a right to know how their food has been grown. This is no different than the organic standards which informs consumers whether pesticides and herbicides have been used. The FDA must make the health and safety of the American consumer your clear and top priority. There are just too many unknowns with genetically engineered foods. The public must be provided with sufficient information to make their own purchasing decisions which may greatly impact their well-being.

If the FDA is not willing to ban genetically engineered foods – which I wholeheartedly would support – you must at least provide us with proper information to make our own choice.

Sincerely,



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